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City of Atlanta Honors John B. Smith, Sr.

Councilman Bond presents proclamation to long time newspaper publisher

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond honored veteran newsman John B. Smith, Sr. on March 7 with a reception and proclamation at Atlanta City Hall. Smith is the publisher and chief executive officer of The Atlanta Inquirer and is celebrating 55 years with the newspaper. When he took the helm, he helped organize social and civic organizations and used the newspaper for African-Americans to possess a voice left unheard by other media during the height of the civil rights movement.

Smith has been appointed to several boards, has served on numerous committees, has a long list of community involvement, and has received many awards and honors for his contribution to journalism.

Several dignitaries and special guests attended the celebration. Some of those in attendance included State Representative "Able" Mable Thomas; Dorothy R. Leavell – editor and publisher of the Chicago Crusader Newspaper; Xernona Clayton; Dr. Stanley J. Pritchett, Sr. – president of Morris Brown College; alumni from Price High School; and Atlanta Inquirer staff.

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